

# WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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**Meeting:** Town Council  
**Date:** 12<sup>th</sup> December 2013  
**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Venue:** Mechanics Institute  
**Present:** Councillors Thomas (Chair), Bowden, Lomax, Gilmour, Goldfinch, Pritchard, Swift, Taylor, Wild and Mrs Anne Winter. PC Ellen Barlow

## MINUTES

### **C13/133 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs Susanne Lomas and Mrs Linda Leather.

### **C13/134 Declarations of Members' Interests**

Cllr Lomax	Agenda Item 10 & 19	Member of DCC (10) Member of HPBC (19)
Cllr Swift	Agenda Item 21	Friend of Planning Applicant for HPK/2013?0646
Cllr Thomas	Agenda Item 10 & 19	Trustee and Chair of Whaley Bridge Community Trust (Footsteps)

### **C13/135 Community Police**

PC Ellen Barlow gave recent crime statistics for Whaley Bridge. Speed checks had taken place on Whaley Lane and through Furness Vale (A6). Parking issues in Fernilee had been resolved.

### **C13/136 Open Forum**

Mr A Bowles expressed concern about the River Goyt water course, overflow and flooding issues. Cllr Thomas will pass on his comments to the Environment Agency.

### **C13/137 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2013**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> November 2013 were a true and correct record and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

### **C13/138 Clerk's Report**

The Clerk's report was received.

### C13/139 Accounts for Payment

It was **RESOLVED** that the accounts below be authorised for payment.

Chq	Payee	Description	Amount
2446	HMRC	PAYE & NI November	674.43
2447	SLCC	Membership subscription 2014	184.00
2448	K Hallworth	Hire JCB for allotment project	800.00
2449	Mechanics Institute	December account	562.17
2450	Shelter MaintenanceCo	Bus shelter cleaning	49.44
2451	Sports Association	Refund of BACS to WBTC	100.80
2452	Content Capture Ltd	Scan Neighbourhood Plan map	38.40
2453	A Lomas	Signwriting honours board	120.00
2454	MAP Ltd	Newsletter distribution	126.00
2455	Arien Designs Ltd	Map for telephone kiosk	276.00
2456	High Peak CVS	Copy/laminate info panels	22.40
2457	S Drinkwater Ltd	Materials for allotment project	338.56
2458	F Frodsham	Grounds mtnce and grit bins	1072.00
2459	S Raybould	Refund Bullguard/expenses	71.24
2460	DCC	Superannuation November	511.05
2461	DALC	Publication - LC explained	49.99
2462	Cash	Petty cash – December	63.76
2463	WB Community Trust	Donation to Footsteps (Chair)	100.00
0452	Bywater LP Gas	SA – 2 gas cylinders	104.00
0453	Gas Point Services	SA – Gas safety certificate	123.00
0454	Stanway & Hallows Ltd	SA – Light tubes	25.20
0455	HPBC	SA – Rates	162.00
<b>TOTAL £</b>			<b><u>£5574.44</u></b>

### C13/140 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

**Cllr Pritchard** reported that he had attended the quarterly meeting of the **High Peak and Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership**. It was noted that Network Rail had not attended a meeting of this organisation for over a year. The Partnership will be preparing a document in 2014 with suggestions for improvements to the Buxton Line.

**Cllr Pritchard** reported on the Localisation of Council Tax Support. All bidding authorities are being encouraged to pass on the government grants to Town & Parish Councils and it is anticipated that HPBC will comply.

It was noted that no progress had been made with proposals to extend the rail fare boundaries for the Greater Manchester area to Whaley Bridge. It was agreed to place this subject on the agenda for the January 2014 meeting.

### C13/141 Correspondence

1. HPBC – updated register of applications to undertake works to trees protected by Tree Preservation Orders.
2. DCC – request for comments regarding proposed diversion of Public Footpath No55(Parts) Whaley Bridge. **Agreed to respond objecting to the diversion due to the steep incline and less attractive route for walkers.**

3. NALC – ‘Local Councils EXPLAINED’ book purchase - £49.99. **Agreed to purchase a copy.**
4. NALC – Chairman briefing on ‘Council Tax Benefit Support Grant’.
5. DCC – request for guidance on name to use on signage to assist with mistaken accessing of private drive at Fernilee.
6. RAD – Rural Matters November 2013.
7. HPBC – explanation of meaning of “exempt” on the tree report.
8. NALC – Additional information about ‘Council Tax Support Grant’ following meetings with CLG Minister Brandon Lewis MP and Shadow Local Government Minister, Andy Sawford MP.
9. Whaley Bridge Royal British Legion – letter of thanks for support of the Remembrance Commemorations and the Memorial Park.
10. DCC – Dealing with Derbyshire’s Waste – Waste Management Strategy Review 2013-2026 Draft Report and Draft Waste Action Plan for High Peak.
11. Derbyshire Constabulary – ‘Have your Say’ initiative consultation exercise May-August 2013 report.
12. Derbyshire Police & Crime Commissioner – Newsletter The Link, Contact me.
13. RBS – update following withdrawal of Santander from sale deal and plans for new challenger bank Williams & Glyn’s in 2015.
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No:	DALC Circulars and Information 2013 – Content
22	General Circular: DALC Drop-in Surgery; Clerk Induction Training; Certificate in Local Council Administration – 2 day Training Course; Councillor Induction Training; DALC Spring Seminar; Revised Model Standing Orders; DALC contact telephone numbers and Vacancies.

15. Information about cuts to youth services in Whaley Bridge.
16. Derbyshire Pension Fund – employers newsletter number 111.

### **C13/142 Cuts to Youth Service Provision in Whaley Bridge**

Information was received regarding proposed cuts to the youth services provided in the High Peak. Funding is being diverted to other Derbyshire districts and the High Peak would be the only area to suffer cuts to youth services. After the staff consultation period closes on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2013, it was hoped that further information would be released into the public domain. It was noted that DCC will close and dispose of all youth club premises in Derbyshire during the next four years.

Cllr Thomas reported that final decisions had not yet been made and he had donated £100 from the Chair's Allowance to Whaley Bridge Community Trust to support continued youth services at Footsteps.

**RESOLVED:** To inform DCC that WBTC objects to the loss of local funding and services and emphasising the importance of retaining a regular relationship with local youth workers.

**C13/143 Revised Model Standing Orders 2013**

Revised Model Standing Orders had been circulated to members.

**RESOLVED:** To adopt the new Standing Orders.

**C13/144 Listing Information on the Whaley Bridge Community Website**

**RESOLVED:** To send a copy of the agenda and draft minutes of Town Council meetings to the website prior to each monthly meeting.

**C13/145 Grounds Maintenance Contract 2014/15**

**RESOLVED:** To accept the quotation from Piranha Country Gardens for £6140 to provide grounds maintenance for the parish in 2014/15.

**C13/146 Precept and Budget 2014/15**

Draft budget figures were circulated and discussed.

**RESOLVED :** To set up a Finance Working Group comprising Cllrs Thomas, Gilmour and Goldfinch, to meet early January 2014 to agree a budget and precept to present to the January Town Council meeting for approval.

**C13/147 Mechanics Institute Structural Survey Report**

John Doody from Rhodes & Partners had completed the structural survey of the building, including the garage area, clock tower and visual inspection of drainage. He will provide an additional survey report for these items and a list prioritising the recommended remedial works as itemised in the Survey Report. Overgrown vegetation had been cleared from the back wall behind the building.

Cllr Thomas reported the current situation with defects that had been exposed in the garage area.

January 2014 agenda item.

**C13/148 Sunnybank Allotment Site – Drainage and Water Supply Project**

Cllr Swift reported progress with the project to provide a natural water supply to the site. The new water tank is currently located on unregistered land.

**RESOLVED:** To agree with Caroline Wheatley's suggestion that HPBC submits a statutory declaration to the land registry to register the land which would then be included in the new lease for the allotment site with WBTC.

A revised Heads of Terms for the lease was received from Caroline Wheatley.

**RESOLVED:** To propose the following alterations:

Item 7 – Use –“ land to be used for garden allotments, **including raised beds provided that these are not situated on land shaded pink on the associated map**”.

Item 8 – Right of Way – “Lessee to be granted a pedestrian right of way only over the land coloured brown on the associated map. No vehicles are permitted **except for service vehicles by prior agreement with HPBC**”.

Item 9 – Restrictive covenant – “Lessee not to allow any **new** buildings or any other structures within the area coloured pink”.

It was agreed that further discussions take place at the January meeting.

January agenda item.

**C13/149 Producing a Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Thomas reported progress. A public consultation is planned for early next year. It was noted that Dr Ben Read had retired as Chair of the Countryside Group.

**RESOLVED:** To send a letter of thanks to Dr Read for his help and interest in producing a local Neighbourhood Plan.

**C13/150 Community Right to Bid – Asset Register of Land and Buildings**

**RESOLVED:** That the Asset Register Forms be completed and submitted to HPBC for approval as follows:

Cllr Wild to complete forms for St. Johns Church, FV Community Centre and FV Field.

Cllr Swift to complete forms for Whaley Hall, Holy Trinity Church, St. James Church and Sacred Heart Church.

Cllr Susanne Lomas to complete a form for the Uniting Church.

Cllr Pritchard to complete forms for the Bridgemont Mission and WB Cricket Field.

Cllr Thomas to complete forms for the Transhipment Warehouse and Footsteps.

The Clerk will complete a form for the Mechanics Institute.

**C13/151 Parking Issues along Chapel Road**

DCC are undertaking further investigations and a report is expected.

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

.....Chair

## List of Abbreviations:

AMT	Action for Market Towns
CAB	Citizens Advice Bureau
Cllr	Councillor
COGS	Community Organising Green Space (Furness Vale)
CVS	Council for Voluntary Services
DALC	Derbyshire Association of Local Councils
DALGS	Derbyshire Aggregates Levy Grant Scheme
DCC	Derbyshire County Council
DDEP	Derby & Derbyshire Economic Partnership
DDHPAP	Derbyshire Dales and High Peak Accessibility Partnership
DEP (now)	Derbyshire Economic Partnership
DRCC	Derbyshire Rural Community Council
EMDA	East Midlands Development Agency
HLF	Heritage Lottery Fund
HP&HV CRP	High Peak & Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership
HPBC	High Peak Borough Council
HPCH	High Peak Community Housing
MUGA	Multi-Use Games Area
NALC	National Association of Local Councils
PC	Police Constable
PCSO	Police Community Support Officer
PDNPA	Peak District National Park Authority
PDSEG	Peak District Sustainable Energy Group
RAD	Rural Action Derbyshire
SA	Sports Association
SEMMMS	South East Manchester Multi Modal Study
SLCC	Society of Local Council Clerks
SNT	Safer Neighbourhoods Team
W3	Whaley Water Weekend
W4W	Whaley4wards
WBA	Whaley Bridge Association
WBFC	Whaley Bridge Football Club
WBTC	Whaley Bridge Town Council